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Philadelphia was in a state of near chaos last week when Winter Storm Riley disrupted transit, knocked out power and knocked down at least 520 trees in an unexpectedly strong Nor'easter. With a second storm in the forecast, this time Philadelphia aims to be prepared. Read more on page 6 and at **metrophilly.us**.

WH ADVISER COHN QUITS AMID TARIFF DEBATE

Top White House economic adviser Gary Cohn, a Wall Street banker who opposes hefty steel and aluminum tariffs planned by President Donald Trump, said on Tuesday that he was resigning. "It has been an honor to serve my country and enact pro-growth economic policies to benefit the American people, in particular the passage of historic tax reform," Cohn said in a statement issued by the White House. His departure as director of the National Economic Council came after a little more than a year on the job. Trump's announcement last week of his plans to impose the tariffs sent U.S. stock prices tumbling and came after an intense debate within the White House between Cohn and other advocates of free trade, on one side, and protectionist advisers such as Peter Navarro on the other, White House sources said.

For more, see page 9.

US TO COUNTERACT ANY 2018 ELECTION MEDDLING

2 President Donald Trump said on Tuesday there was interference by Russia and probably by other countries in the 2016 election, and the U.S. would counteract any attempt at meddling in the November 2018 elections. "Well, the Russians had no impact on our votes whatsoever, but certainly there was meddling and probably there was meddling from other countries and maybe other individuals," Trump said at a news conference on Tuesday. "We're doing a very, very deep study, and we're coming with some ... very strong suggestions on the '18 election. ... We'll counteract whatever they do." Director of National Intelligence Dan Coats insisted on Tuesday that the administration is "actively engaged" in countering Russian efforts to influence the November elections, even as he warned of Moscow's continuing "malign activities."

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BRITISH CIRCUS PROPRIETORS CELEBRATE 250 YEARS OF THE MODERN CIRCUS

3 Circus artists perform acrobatic tricks on Westminster Bridge to mark the 250th anniversary of the modern-day circus, ahead of a reception in the Houses of Parliament at Westminster Bridge on Tuesday in London. Created by Light Dragoons Sgt. Major Phillip Astley, the first-ever circus building was erected on a piece of land which is now occupied by St. Thomas' hospital.

TRUMP: NORTH KOREA 'SINCERE' ON NUKE TALKS

4 Feeling the pressure of sanctions, North Korea seems "sincere" in its apparent willingness to halt nuclear tests if it held denuclearization talks with the United States, President Donald Trump said on Tuesday as U.S., South Korean and Japanese officials voiced skepticism about any discussions. Trump declined to say whether he had any preconditions for talks with Pyongyang as officials responded with caution and guarded optimism to the possibility following months of insults and threats of war between Trump and North Korean leader Kim Jong Un. "I think they're sincere also because of the sanctions and what we're doing with respect to North Korea, including the great help that we've been given from China," Trump said at a news conference on Tuesday after meeting with Prime Minister Stefan Lofven of Sweden.

BLACKBERRY SUES FACEBOOK AND INSTAGRAM

5 BlackBerry Ltd. on Tuesday filed a patent infringement lawsuit against Facebook Inc. and its WhatsApp and Instagram apps, arguing that they copied technology and features from BlackBerry Messenger. Litigation over patent infringement is part of BlackBerry Chief Executive John Chen's strategy for making money for the company, which has lost market share in the smartphone market it once dominated. "Defendants created mobile messaging applications that co-opt BlackBerry's innovations, using a number of the innovative security, user interface, and functionality enhancing features," BlackBerry said in a filing with a Los Angeles federal court. "Protecting shareholder assets and intellectual property is the job of every CEO," BlackBerry spokeswoman Sarah McKinney said in an email.

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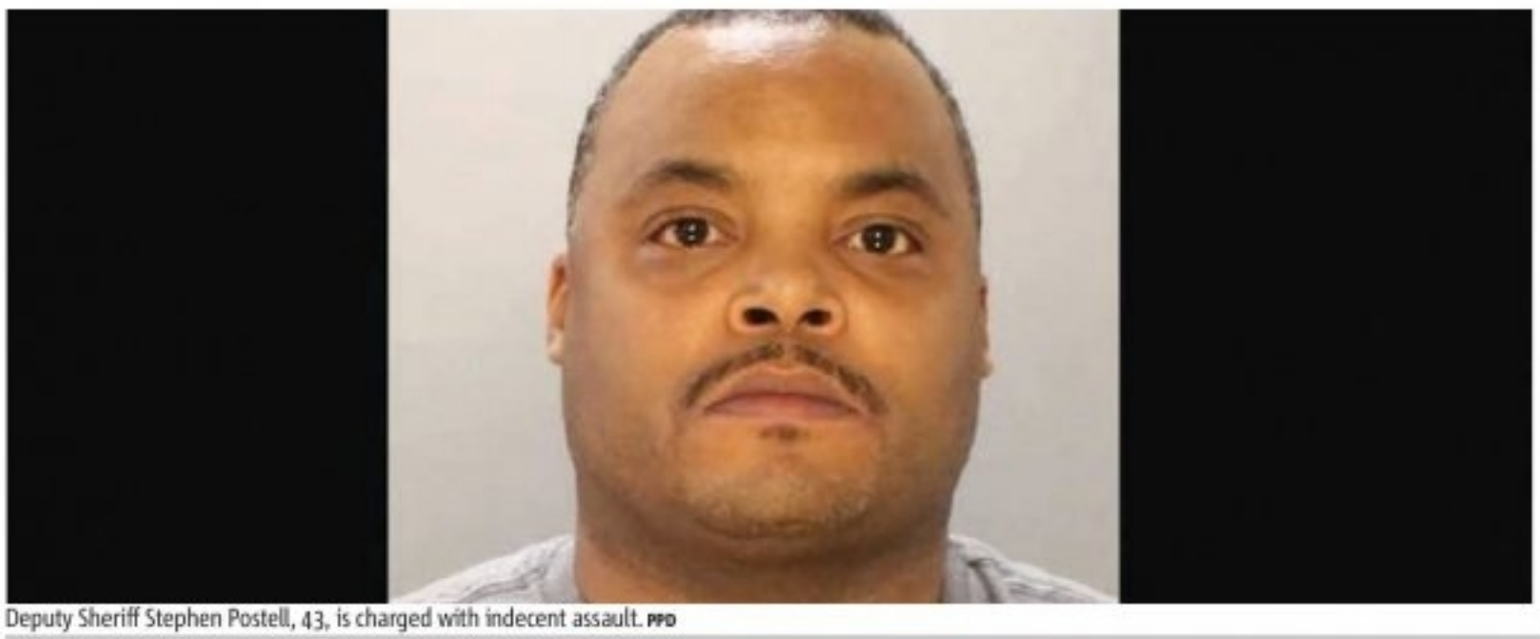

Deputy Sheriff Stephen Postell, 43, is charged with indecent assault. PPD

Philly deputy sheriff charged with indecent exposure upon co-worker

Woman at sheriff's office accuses supervisor of misconduct.

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As Philadelphia Sheriff Jewell Williams faces a lawsuit accusing him personally of sexually harassing a female subordinate in the workplace, police have arrested a sergeant in the sheriff's office on charges of allegedly indecently assaulting one of his female staff members, police said.

Stephen Postell, 43, of the 3000 block of South 74th Street, a sergeant at the Philadelphia Sheriff's Office, is facing indecent assault, simple assault and indecent exposure charges for allegedly attempting to abuse the woman at work, and will be fired.

The victim, 43, reported to the police department's Special Victims Unit on Oct. 27 that her immediate supervisor had twice attempted to force himself on her sexually. The sheriff's office said that their Internal Affairs Division was first alerted to the incident and promptly referred her to law enforcement, they said.

"We take all allegations of sexual harassment and abuse seriously," the sheriff's office said in a statement. "We are committed to maintaining a work environment in which all our employees feel safe and respected. … At this point, we cannot comment further while the case against Sgt. Postell is pending."

The first incident was allegedly on May 16, 2017, while the two were working on an assignment.

"He [Postell] parked the vehicle under a bridge in the area of 16th and Westmoreland St., and indecently assaulted her," a police report stated. "The complainant struggled with the offender, causing him to stop the assault."

The victim allegedly reported a second incident on an unspecified date in which "the same male sexually assaulted her while at their workplace," police said.

Postell was arrested and charged on March 2, police announced. The sheriff's office did not immediately respond to a request for comment about the incident and Postell's employment status.

As for the lawsuit against Williams, he has denied all the allegations and his office declined to comment further.

COSBY RETRIAL

Cosby lawyers want accusers barred at trial as #MeToo looms

Allowing 19 other women who have accused comedian Bill Cosby of sexual assault to testify at his retrial would unfairly prejudice jurors, especially against the backdrop of the #MeToo movement, his lawyers told a judge on Tuesday.

Cosby is accused of drugging and assaulting Andrea Constand, now 44, at his home near Philadelphia between Dec. 30, 2003, and Jan. 20, 2004. His first trial in June ended with a hung jury.

Constand, a former administrator of the women's basketball team at Temple University, is one of more than 50 women who have accused him of sexual assaults.

Cosby, 80, has repeatedly denied assaulting anyone. His retrial is set to begin on March 29.

All of the accusations except Constand's are too old to be prosecuted, but prosecutors asked Judge Steven O'Neill to allow 19 of the other accusers to testify.

Cosby's lawyers objected on Tuesday, arguing that they should be barred because the #MeToo movement has created an atmosphere in which the other women's testimony would prejudice the jury.

"In that environment, allowing the 19 to testify would be hugely prejudicial," defense attorney Becky James said. REUTERS

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Philly braces for Winter Storm Quinn

Another nor'easter is bearing down on Philadelphia as the city races to adequately prepare this time.

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The Streets Department is sending out 400 pieces of equipment with 40,000 pounds of salt to fight snowy streets on Wednesday. KAIT MOORE

The brutal nor'easter that brought powerful winds to the Philadelphia region knocked out electricity for thousands, downed hundreds of trees, interrupted SEPTA service, shut down traffic signals and caused general commuting havoc as well as dense gridlock around the city.

And according to forecasters, that was just an appetizer. The main course, Winter Storm Quinn, is expected to hit the region Wednesday.

Meteorologists predict that the storm will bring up to a foot of "heavy, wet" snow. While last week's storm caught the city off guard, officials are vowing to be ready this time around. In a warning to residents, emergency officials said to avoid transportation during the storm.

Quinn will arrive as thousands in the Philadelphia area are still without power from last week's storm. As of Wednesday, approximately 10,000 customers were still without power across the Philadelphia region and throughout the suburbs. PECO has been working to restore power to those residents.

"[This storm] will be a significant event if the forecasts are to be taken entirely at their word," Philadelphia Office of Emergency Management Executive Director Dan Bradley said on Tuesday afternoon at a City Hall storm preparedness news conference.

SEPTA snowstorm preparations

The Broad Street and Market Frankford Lines will operate all day and night on Wednesday for "passenger convenience," SEPTA said. But other transit lines are expected to see changes.

"SEPTA is urging customers to plan ahead, and if possible, avoid unnecessary travel as Winter Storm Quinn moves into the region late Tuesday evening into Wednesday," SEPTA GM Jeffrey Kneuppel said in a statement. "The predicted heavy, wet snow and moderate wind gusts will impact SEPTA services on all modes of travel."

The Regional Rail will operate on a "Severe Storm Schedule," a Saturday timetable with some adjustments. SEPTA will begin detouring buses on tight or hilly routes that have been historically impacted by snowstorms at 9 a.m. Wednesday.

SEPTA plans to bring on additional staff to help address any unexpected issues and will run pilot vehicles along trolley lines and the Norristown High-Speed Line overnight on Wednesday.

Visit septa.org/service/winter for the latest updates or call 215-580-7800 with inquiries.

Need to Know

- The Streets Department is deploying more than 400 pieces of equipment and 800 employees armed with 40,000 tons of salt to fight snowy conditions on the roads.
- Pet owners are required to bring animals inside, or face a $500 fine. Call ACCT Philly if you see any animals outside.
- All Philadelphia municipal offices and city courts will be closed. Trash and recycling pickup will be canceled Wednesday and will take place Thursday, with remaining pickups delayed by one day. If you are scheduled to report for jury duty, you will be rescheduled. Critical court services will remain open. The Philadelphia Parking Authority will not enforce meter or zone violations on Wednesday. All inmate visits to Philly prisons are canceled on Wednesday.

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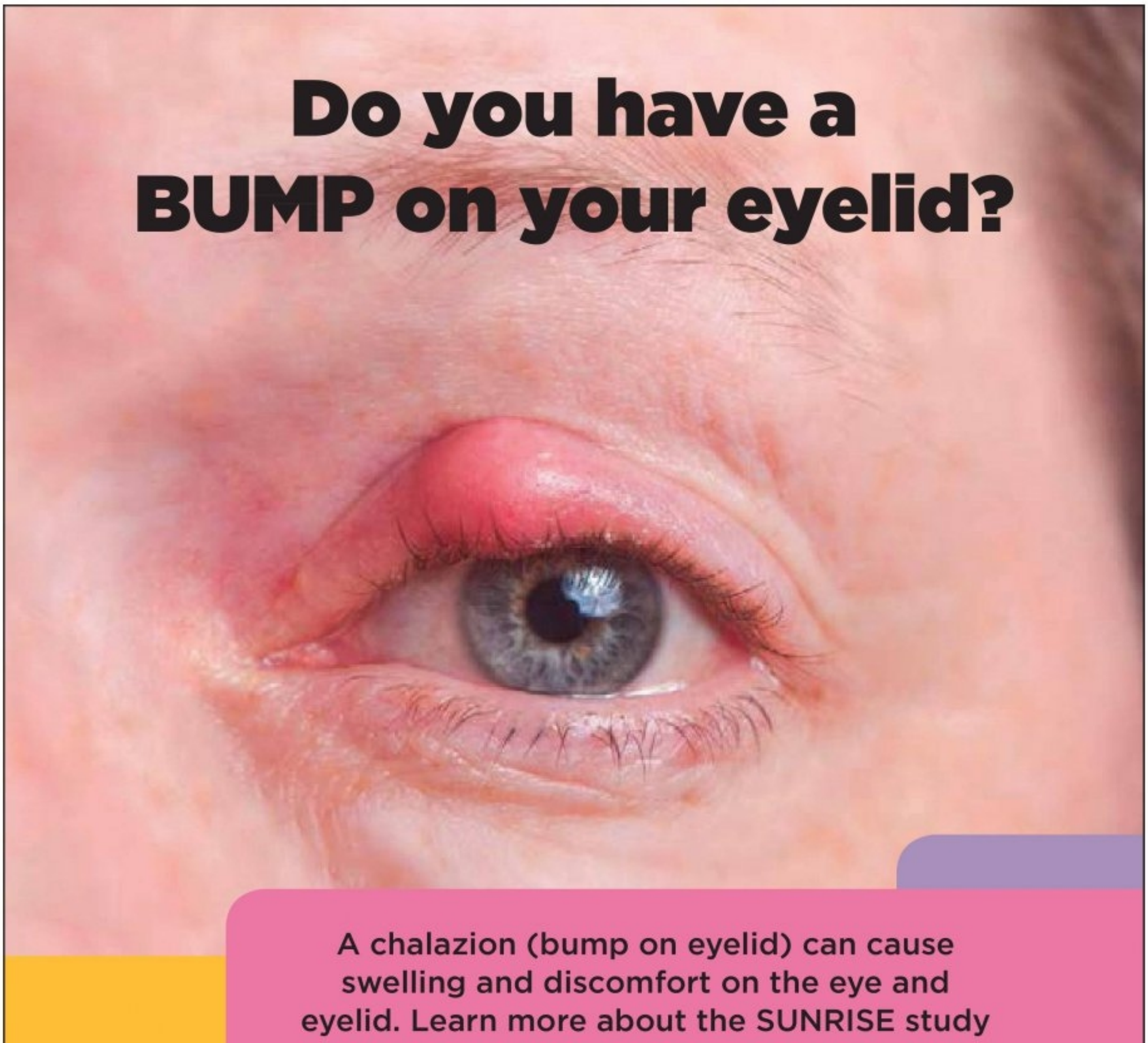

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Philly Domino's driver shot for pizza

A standard pizza pie COURTESY OF SLICE PIZZA

A deliveryman was shot in North Philly by thieves who took only his pizza, police said.

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Police responded to a shooting in North Philly earlier this week in which a pizza deliveryman was reportedly lured to the area and shot for a hot, Domino's Pizza pie.

But the suspects who shot the delivery man actually abandoned the pizza a block away, despite shooting a man, reportedly a 67-year-old grandfather who had worked as a deliveryman for some two decades, to obtain it.

The victim allegedly went to the 2000 block of West Haggert Street, between York Street and Glenwood Avenue, around 9 p.m. on Monday night to deliver the pie, according to reports.

Police said to NBC10 they believe the suspects ordered the pizza to entice the deliveryman to come to the area, then ambushed him. But all they took was the pizza, which was found abandoned a block away.

The victim reportedly did not realize he had been shot when police first arrived.

No arrests have been reported in the shooting. The deliveryman was reportedly listed in critical condition at Temple University Hospital with a gunshot to the neck.

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Rapist grabbed woman off street while accomplice served as lookout, police say

Surveillance video shows one of the male suspects grabbing the victim as she passes him near 13th and Lombard streets around 5:30 a.m. on March 4. PPD

The Philadelphia Police Department is trying to catch two suspects believed to be connected to the sexual assault and robbery of a woman over the weekend near Center City.

Surveillance video shows the female victim walking on the 1300 block of Lombard Street toward a man at around 5:30 a.m. on March 4.

Video shows the man grabbing her as she tries to pass him, then dragging her down the nearby 400 block of South Watts Street, where she was allegedly sexually assaulted and robbed.

"He immediately began to punch the complainant in the face and head, causing injuries that required medical treatment," according to the police report. "The male then sexually assaulted the complainant before robbing her of her backpack which contained several personal items."

Police released surveillance video of the incident and video showing a second man, who allegedly was an accomplice and served as a lookout during the assault and robbery.

Tipsters: Contact police at 215-686-TIPS (8477) or text a tip to PPDTIP (773847). SAM NEWHOUSE

Republican pushback on tariffs gathers steam as Trump stands firm

President Trump speaks to supporters at a rally at H&K Equipment on Jan. 18, 2018, in Coraopolis, Pennsylvania. GETTY IMAGES

President Donald Trump's top economic adviser Gary Cohn resigned on Tuesday after Trump said he would push ahead with punitive tariffs on steel and aluminum imports which some critics have dubbed the first shot in a global trade war.

Cohn did not spell out the reasons for his resignation, although he was regarded as a bulwark of economic orthodoxy in an administration whose protectionist policies have sparked alarm among legislators and in governments around the world.

Despite a rising tide of criticism from Republican lawmakers about the proposed 25 percent tariffs on steel and 10 percent on aluminum imports, Trump said he would stick to his guns and again lashed out at what he described as a rigged trading system that has bled American companies and jobs.

"When we're behind on every single country, trade wars aren't so bad," he told reporters at a news conference on Tuesday with the Swedish prime minister.

Critics worry that the measures risk igniting a trade war and damaging the U.S. economy.

A prominent Republican critic of the proposal, House Speaker Paul Ryan, returned to the attack on Tuesday, saying the proposed duties were too broad. Although the measure is designed to hit China, its main impact will be on U.S. allies like Canada.

Ryan, whose home state of Wisconsin could be hit by proposed counter-tariffs from the European Union, has consistently opposed the tariffs and called for "more surgical and more targeted measures."

The White House has said the measures will protect industries and jobs from unfair competition and that across-the-board tariffs are needed because countries like China use third countries for shipping steel to the United States, disguising its origin.

Opponents charge that the tariffs could destroy more jobs than they create and risk alienating U.S. allies, while American consumers will end up paying more for a range of products from cans of beer to cars.

"There is a lot of concern among Republican senators that this could sort of metastasize into sort of a larger trade war, and many of our members are discussing with the administration just how broad, how sweeping this might be," Senate Majority leader Mitch McConnell said in his first comments on the issue.

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Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell

Financial markets have rallied off their lows on expectations the measures may be watered down in the face of an intense lobbying effort from leading Republicans.

On Tuesday, Rep. Mark Meadows, the head of the Freedom Caucus, a staunchly conservative Republican grouping in Congress, raised concerns about the impact of the tariffs on U.S. manufacturing and agriculture. Agriculture is a potential target for retaliatory tariffs from China if Trump pushes ahead. REUTERS

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Pit bull recovering after being stabbed and dumped near Philly SEPTA station

PSPCA asks for public's help in finding the person who stabbed a pit bull and left it to die.

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Woobie, seen in recovery, was found stabbed and left to die outside SEPTA's Fern Rock BSL station on Monday. The PSPCA is asking for help finding her owner. COURTESY OF THE PSPCA

A pit bull discovered by animal welfare authorities on Monday was stabbed and left to die in the street, and now humane law enforcement is asking for the public's help finding those responsible.

The dog, a female pit bull-type breed who has been renamed "Woobie," is recovering after she was discovered by the Fern Rock train station suffering from internal bleeding, trauma to her lungs and multiple stab wounds on her rib cage, the PSPCA said on Tuesday.

"While we don't know the whole story, we do know that Woobie was stabbed at some point and left to die," PSPCA Director of Humane Law Enforcement Nicole Wilson said in a statement. "We are seeking the public's help to uncover what happened, who did this and bring them to justice."

Woobie was reportedly discovered by a good Samaritan walking their dog around 7:45 a.m. on Monday near the Fern Rock Broad Street Line SEPTA station in North Philadelphia.

Believed to be a 1- to 2-year-old pit bull mix, Woobie was picked up by the Animal Care and Control Team (ACCT Philly), transferred to the PSPCA for evaluation and is currently being cared for at Penn Vet's Ryan Hospital through the Richard Lichter Charity for Dogs Program.

The PSPCA is asking anyone who recognizes Woobie, knows the owner, or may have seen her being dumped near Fern Rock to call the humane law enforcement tipline at 866-601-SPCA.

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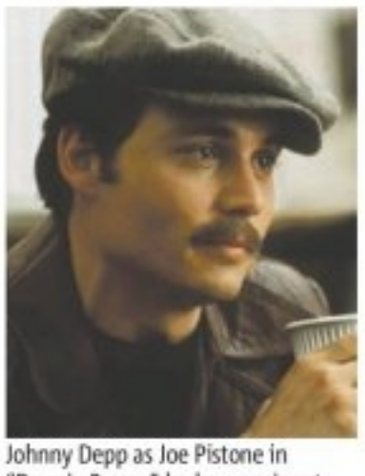
New study: Europeans are really into New York and Boston accents

European travelers think people from New York and Boston have sexy accents, according to a recent poll and quiz.

Linguistics experts from the language-learning app Babbel put together seven distinctive American accents: Bostonian, Southern, Midwestern, Minnesotan, New Yorker, Southern Californian and Texan. It partnered with Generator Hostels and asked more than 400 European hostel workers and asked them to pick which area has sexy accents.

According to the results from the poll, Europeans think people from areas in the Deep South, New York and Boston all have sexy accents.

According to the results of the poll, 20 percent of European foreigners have a thing for people with heavy Southern accents. Second on the list was the New York accent, followed by the Boston accent.



Johnny Depp as Joe Pistone in "Donnie Brasco" had a prominent New York accent. GETTY IMAGES

Most attractive and sexy accents, according to Europeans

1. Deep South (20 percent)
2. New Yorker (18 percent)
3. Bostonian (17 percent)
4. Southern Californian (16 percent)
5. Texan (14 percent)
6. Midwestern (10 percent)
7. Minnesotan (5 percent)

Their findings showed that Brits and Swedes are really into the Southern Californian accent.

The survey results showed that French people (57 percent) and Italians (19 percent) think New Yorkers have sexy accents, while Germans (30 percent), Spaniards (27 percent) and Dutch people (26 percent) are really into the Boston accent.

As for the Deep South accent, the only reason it was ranked No. 1 in the survey is that Ireland had a strong influence on the vote. They found that 31 percent of Irish people who took the survey thought people from the Deep South have sexy accents.

Babbel looked at the data and determined that the rankings can change depending on the country of the person taking the survey.

According to Babbel, of the hostel workers surveyed, British, French, Spanish, Italian and Dutch people voted the Minnesotan accent as the least attractive. LEIVON WHITAKER

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A new OMB report looked at major federal regulations that were put in place from 2006 to 2016. It concluded that their benefits far outweighed their costs. GETTY IMAGES

White House office releases report proving value of Obama regulations

Trump's justifications for deregulation are contradicted by a study from his administration's own Office of Management and Budget.

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If Trump officials admit that the Obama administration was right about something but no one's around to hear it, does it make a sound?

Buried in a new Office of Budget and Management report is evidence that disputes a Republican talking point: that environmental regulations are burdensome to businesses and kill jobs. Trump has backed up that talking point with major deregulation, rolling back several EPA rules and instructing agencies to kill two regulations for every new one proposed. (Last July, the Washington Examiner reported that Trump had actually killed 16 for every new one signed.)

"Industry makes a small sacrifice, public health improves, and economic growth continues apace."
Vox

The OMB report looked at "major" federal regulations — those with $100 million or more of economic impact — that were put in place from 2006 to 2016. It concluded that their benefits far outweighed their costs by an order of magnitude: The aggregate costs were $59 billion to $88 billion, and the benefits were $219 billion to $615 billion. "According to OMB — and to the federal agencies upon whose data OMB mostly relied — the core of the Trumpian case against Obama regulations, arguably the organizing principle of Trump's administration, is false," Vox said.

The site points out that environmental rules, the focus of most Trump deregulation, have the highest cost but also the most benefits. The OMB report said that new fuel standards for medium-size engines cost industry $0.8 billion to $1.1 billion, but they resulted in $6.7 billion to $9.7 billion in benefits. Regulations aimed at reducing emissions from power plants cost industry $9.6 billion but reaped $33 billion to $90 billion in benefits.

"That is why Republicans hate EPA and its rules: They are a burden to industry, but worse, they are a burden to industry that is very obviously worth it. Industry makes a small sacrifice, public health improves, and economic growth continues apace. EPA rules are a living demonstration of the good that government can do," says Vox.

The OMB report also refuted the Trump and GOP argument that regulation "kills jobs." The section dedicated to regulations' effect on employment did not show that any jobs were lost because of federal rules during the time period studied. Instead, it illustrated that it's common for regulation to cause jobs to shift from one industry to another.

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Martin Shkreli speaks to the press at the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York on Aug. 4, 2017. GETTY IMAGES

US says 'Pharma Bro' Martin Shkreli deserves at least 15 years in prison

U.S. prosecutors on Tuesday said former drug company executive Martin Shkreli should spend at least 15 years in prison after being convicted of fraud, saying his lack of remorse and respect for the law justified a long time behind bars.

The request by the Department of Justice came three days before Shkreli's scheduled sentencing by U.S. District Judge Kiyo Matsumoto in Brooklyn federal court.

Prosecutors called Shkreli "a man who stands before this court without any showing of genuine remorse, a man who has consistently chosen to put profit and the cultivation of a public image before all else, and a man who believes the ends always justify the means."

Shkreli, 34, had requested a 12- to 18-month term following his conviction last August for lying to investors about the performance of his hedge funds MSMB Capital and MSMB Healthcare, and conspiring to manipulate the stock price of the drug company Retrophin.

Known as "Pharma Bro," in part for his ability to attract attention, Shkreli is perhaps best known for raising the price of the anti-parasitic drug Daraprim by more than 5,000 percent in 2015, while serving as chief executive of Turing Pharmaceuticals, now called Vyera Pharmaceuticals.

Benjamin Brafman, a lawyer for Shkreli, declined to comment on the government's sentencing request.

Shkreli has been in jail since September, when Matsumoto revoked his bail after he offered social media followers $5,000 for a hair from former U.S. presidential candidate Hillary Clinton.

On Monday, Matsumoto ordered Shkreli to forfeit $7.36 million of ill-gotten gains. She said he may be forced to give up assets such as a Picasso painting and a one-of-a-kind Wu-Tang Clan album.

In a letter to the judge last week, Shkreli said he accepted that he had made "serious mistakes," but still considered himself "a good person with much potential."

But prosecutors said that while in jail, Shkreli has expressed disdain for his conviction and the judicial process, providing further evidence he does not deserve mercy.

It cited a January email conversation where Shkreli allegedly wrote "fuck the feds" and expressed hope for a big tax refund because only his "liquid money" was affected by the forfeiture.

"Shkreli's email communications confirm that any remorse he may express publicly is a carefully constructed facade," prosecutors said.

A 15-year term is shorter than the minimum 27 years recommended under federal guidelines. REUTERS

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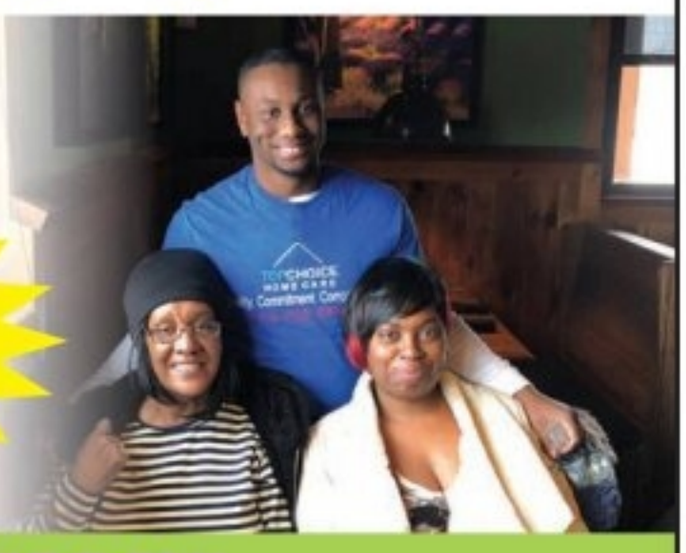

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Bumble bans gun photos in wake of Florida high school shooting

"Not everyone's going to love us for it, but it's the right thing to do."

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Bumble will be policed by about 5,000 moderators from around the world who will be removing gun-related content — both new and existing. GETTY IMAGES

Dating site Bumble announced Monday it would ban pictures of guns from its app.

"As mass shootings continue to devastate communities across the country, it's time to state unequivocally that gun violence is not in line with our values, nor do these weapons belong on Bumble," they wrote in a statement on their blog.

This excludes military or law enforcement personale — who are allowed to post pictures of themselves with guns while in uniform — and it does *not* apply to images on users' Instagram feeds that can be integrated into Bumble profiles, reported The New York Times.

The app's founder, Whitney Wolfe Herd, told the Times Bumble will be policed by about 5,000 moderators from around the world who will be removing new and existing gun-related content.

"We just want to create a community where people feel at ease, where they do not feel threatened, and we just don't see guns fitting into that equation," she said.

Online dating coach Laurie Davis told The Washington Post in 2017 that, whether you're male or female, posting a photo of yourself with a gun "is a polarizing experience for people. It's a very aggressive photo for a platform where the aim is for you to find love."

Herd acknowledged that most gun owners posting photos appeared as hobbyists and did not promote gun violence.

"This is not super black and white," she said. "It's a very tricky battle we've chosen to taken on. … Not everyone's going to love us for it, but it's the right thing to do."

Bumble is also making a $100,000 donation to the March for Our Lives initiative created by the Parkland survivors. "We stand with them, and join them in working towards a nonviolent future," the company wrote.

Sites for gun owners looking to find love do, in fact, exist. One, Concealed Carry Match, launched in August 2016.

"The right to own and carry a concealed weapon as a responsible gun owner does not need to interfere with finding an individual who shares some of your core values," the Concealed Carry Match website reads. "We help take the guesswork out of finding individuals who complement your lifestyle, whether you own a gun or just believe in this Second Amendment right."

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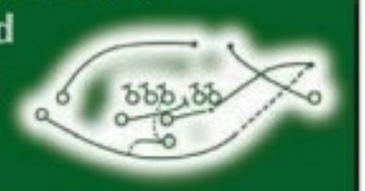

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"The Strangers: Prey at Night" is a terrifying tale based on actual events.

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A family takes a road trip, off the beaten path and in the off season. Sounds innocuous enough. That is until a ragtag pack of murderous strangers in masks begins to wreak havoc. It's a scary movie, but one of the scariest parts is that we're told from the start that it's "based on true events." Makes those boring breaks with mom and dad sound like heaven.

Metro wanted to get to the bottom of what actually transpired, so we spoke with director Johannes Roberts to learn more about his idiosyncratic horror film.

Really? Like, this actually happened? That's chilling.
Brian Bertino, who wrote the screenplay, actually had the same exact things happen to him in terms of [a mysterious] girl coming up to [his] house and knocking at the door. Then there were all these burglaries around his house. Then he mixed that in with Charles Manson stuff. That's really where all of the inspiration came from for him. Brian wrote the first "The Strangers" movie, too, and they're both the same sort of event.

This feels like a very different kind of horror movie.
We approached it in a slightly different way to how I've done things before. I really tried to avoid making this a "jump, scare" movie. We really let you see the horror first, and the characters don't. Rather than [have] things leap out at you, a lot of the techniques were us showing the headlights and the Strangers and then allowing the dread to build. That was quite fun. This is horror in a slightly more-old school way.

"We really let you see the horror first, and the characters don't."

What attracted you to the movie?
I loved the first one, and I really wanted to make a movie styled like John Carpenter [legendary director of hits like "The Thing," "Halloween" and "Escape from L.A."]. What I really responded to was that this was my opportunity to go really retro. I wanted to make "Christine." I wanted to make "The Fog." So I brought those movies into the mix. We had a lot of fun using old techniques and tunes.

The randomness of the attack portrayed, and the fact that this actually did happen, seems kind of ... timely?
Yeah, the world is currently a very terrifying place. Especially in America. But the movies I love are the John Carpenter horror films of the '80s. And the power of them was always the fact that they never explained why the murders were happening, which put the emphasis of the movie on how the characters are surviving this rather than back-plot. When there's no reasoning it's much more frightening.

"The Strangers: Prey At Night" is released on March 9.

Guess who's coming to dinner?
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Director Johannes Roberts talks terror. GETTY

Despite a promising premise, the series — which stars Agyness Deyn and Jim Sturgess, above — gets tangled up in a bunch of subplots.
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'Hard Sun' is a convoluted mess

More like hard pass.

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I'll give it to you straight: "Hard Sun" is ambitious, ultra-violent and bleak as hell — but it isn't quite worth watching.

The new series, which debuts on Hulu today, was penned and created by Neil Cross, the writer-producer behind "Luther." But don't get your hopes up: As badly as "Hard Sun" wants to be characterized as a dystopian thriller, it's mostly just a supremely violent, very convoluted episode of "Law & Order" with English accents.

The title itself describes a world extinction event, where the sun — so tired of being the center of the universe — up and dies. In five years, life on Earth will be wiped out. But instead of focusing on pre-apocalyptic fare, "Hard Sun" pivots and focuses on serial killers and the cops chasing them.

At its center is Detective Chief Inspector Charlie Hicks (Jim Sturgess) who consistently makes poor, incomprehensible decisions for no reason other than they move the most inconceivable of the subplots along. But only on a sur-

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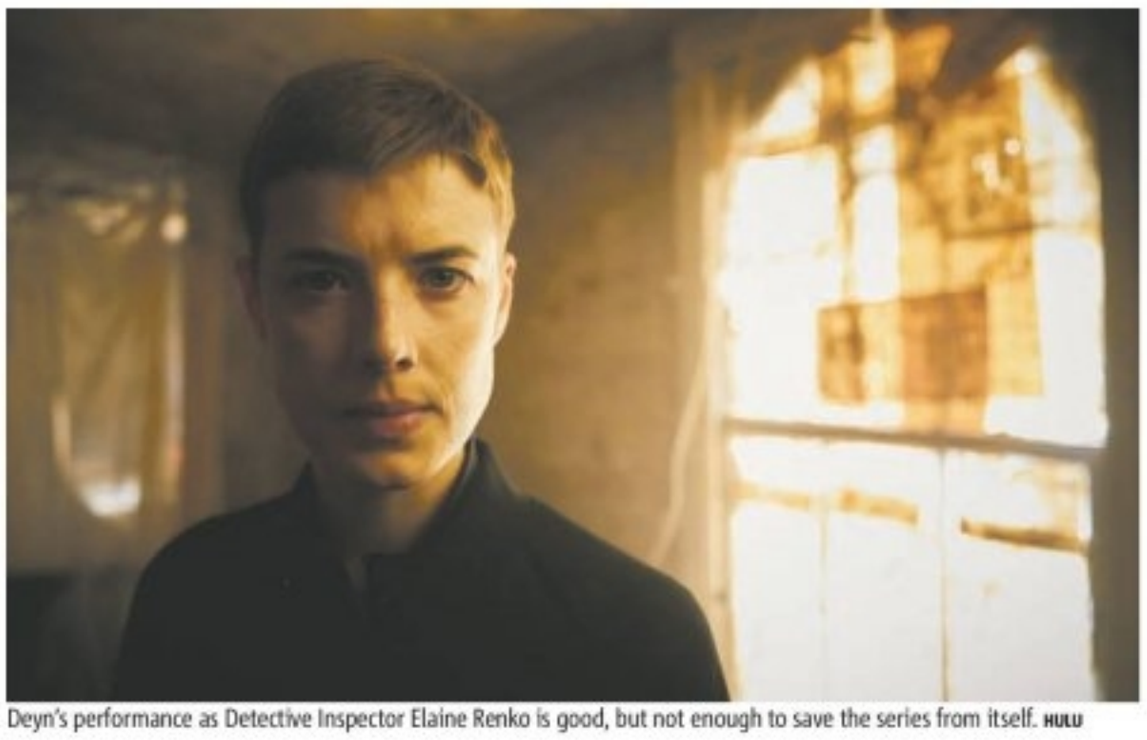

Deyn's performance as Detective Inspector Elaine Renko is good, but not enough to save the series from itself. HULU

face level. Hicks' motivation for being the police force's biggest jerk seems to be that he's just another scummy antihero behaving badly, in the vein of the Luthers and Don Drapers before him. As if we don't get that men have a history of taking what they want, when they want it.

Hicks' new partner, Agyness Deyn's Detective Inspector Elaine Renko, is better, but not good enough to save the series. She has the requisite tortured past and is morally opposite from Hicks in every way. For Renko, Deyn hunches her shoulders forward at all times, the weight of the world settled firmly on her shoulders. She's a good guy, and "Hard Sun" wants to make sure you know it — like when she dons a pair of brass knuckles before hand-to-hand combat. Because, didn't you know? Guns are just for the bad guys. This isn't America, after all.

But even with two very distinct characters, the series falters. That's because bold as it is to take what could be a very good, very successful premise and get carried away with the gory minutiae of it all instead, it's not very interesting. Who'd have thought!

Though it's tempting to keep on with "Hard Sun" to see where its myriad plots will go, it's not worth it. Maybe spend six hours bingeing anything else instead.

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According to Checchia, no animal has ever been turned away from Morris Animal Refuge.
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Morris Animal Refuge, at 1242 Lombard St., has a long history of saving animals in Philadelphia. It was first incorporated as a nonprofit organization in 1874, but its founder, Elizabeth Morris, took animals into her own home for nearly 20 years prior to that.

"Elizabeth Morris was a pioneer in animal welfare and founded America's first animal shelter — Morris Animal Refuge," says Lewis Checchia, executive director of Morris Animal Refuge. "Her love for animals and animal care, especially for those animals who were neglected, abused and abandoned, dates back to her early childhood."

All these years later, the organization provides preventive, protective and adoption services for cats, dogs and small animals in the Philadelphia region.

"As long as Philadelphia has unwanted, homeless, abandoned and neglected animals, we will be there to care for them," he says.

Checchia is also particularly fond of the work Morris Animal Refuge does with disabled animals.

"My favorite thing that my organization does is that we have had a tremendous success rate rehabilitating special needs animals," he says. "Whether it's a deaf dog, a diabetic cat, a kitten missing a leg or an extremely stressed animal coming from an abusive background, we strive to get all of these

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Checchia also adds that volunteers are extremely important to the organization and are needed seven days a week in all sorts of capacities.

"Volunteers [along with the staff] are the lifeblood of our organization, helping out with everything at the shelter, fostering, events, bookkeeping, marketing and general maintenance. We can always find something for a passionate volunteer to do," he says.

If you'd like to give back through making a donation, the Morris Animal Refuge will be hosting its 21st annual FurBall on Saturday, March 9.

"It will be at the Simeone Automobile Museum at 7 p.m.," adds Checchia. "Please come out and support us."

This year's theme is "Havana Nights," and guests will enjoy a mojito bar from Bluebird Distilling, '50s cars, live music and more.

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Jennifer Clair, author of "Six Basic Cooking Techniques: Culinary Essentials for the Home Cook," available nationwide. PROVIDED

6 Cooking techniques every home chef should master

Master the basics so you can "adult" better.

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If you want to get better at cooking at home but aren't sure where to begin, a new cookbook can provide you with a good starting point. "Six Basic Cooking Techniques: Culinary Essentials for the Home Cook" breaks down the most need-to-know skills to give you the confidence to prepare anything you need in the kitchen.

The "culinary manual" is written by Jennifer Clair, the founder of Home Cooking New York, a culinary school based in SoHo. The Institute of Culinary Education (ICE) grad worked in food media for over a decade (as a food editor at Saveur magazine and a cookbook editor at Martha Stewart) before founding HCNY in 2002.

"Six Basic Cooking Techniques," which marks her return to the written word, is an extension of Home Cooking New York's most popular class of the same name. In companionship with or in lieu of the class, it can be used as both an instructional manual and an actual cookbook, as each technique is also paired with recipes.

So let's get just a taste of her techniques to master.

Knife skills

Whether you're chopping vegetables or carving meat, any home cook is lost without the proper technique for wielding a knife. In this section, Clair instructs readers on knife essentials, including "how to hold it, how to mince, how to dice, how to julienne, how to work with garlic, how to sharpen it."

Cooking meats

"How do you make a piece of meat that's nice and brown and crusty and delicious, but not overcooked?" According to Clair, the approach is the same, no matter if you're preparing chicken, pork or steak. "A, brown it so you caramelize it on the outside and then B, cook it properly to temperature," she explains. She's a firm believer in using a thermometer instead of cutting into meat to tell if it's done. "It's imprecise, you lose so much juice and you really can't tell by the color," she says.

Making flavorful pan sauces

This section shows you how to make a sauce from the drippings left behind in the pan you just perfectly cooked meat in. You'll learn how to create a reduction by adding liquid (broth, water, or wine) until it thickens, or make a gravy by creating a roux (a mixture of fat and flour).

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Is Philadelphia in 2018 the biggest sports turnaround in history?

From no playoff appearances to contenders all around, the Philly sports scene has changed 180 degrees in one calendar year. EVAN MACY

It's a cliche, but never before has the saying "What a difference a year makes" been more apt than in the city of Philadelphia, right now.

The Eagles, Sixers, Flyers and Phillies all missed the playoffs in 2017. The Eagles finished in last place in the NFC East at 7-9, the Sixers second to last in the East, the Flyers finished near the bottom of the Metro and the Phillies lost 96 games and were last in the NL East.

It's hard to remember, but the mood of the city but it was grim.

The Eagles had gaping holes at wide receiver and cornerback and little reason to hope (aside from a half-decent debut campaign from Carson Wentz) after Doug Pederson's rookie year.

The Sixers shut down Joel Embiid in February, didn't play top pick Ben Simmons at all and couldn't find anyone to trade Jahlil Okafor to while settling for a second round pick for Nerlens Noel.

The Flyers couldn't get reliable play from their veterans or goalies.

The Phillies narrowly averted 100 losses and were disappointed by the performances of key prospects after fall call ups.

Even the Union collapsed and missed the postseason in MLS play.

What a difference a year makes. The turnaround is remarkable.

After downing the Patriots 41-33, the Eagles marched down Broad Street lifting the Lombardi Trophy for the first time ever last month. That alone is one of the biggest turnarounds in sports, up there with the 2013 Red Sox who flipped from worst to first winning a World Series title. But the Birds' fellow tenants in South Philly have also fared remarkably well.

The Eagles were able to flip the script in February and the floodgates opened, as the Sixers and Flyers went 14-0-1 in the weeks after. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

The Flyers are jockying for first place in their conference thanks to a resurging Claude Gioux. On the hardwood, the 76ers have turned The Process into an All-Star starter (Joel Embiid), a likely Rookie of the Year (Ben Simmons) and are currently just a few games out of fourth in the East (good for home court advantage in the playoffs). The only team that may miss the postseason in 2018 is the Phillies, who brought in Gabe Kapler and are turning the page to emphasize youth and analytics. And if it means anything, the manager said recently that: "if everybody on our roster takes a small step forward, we have an opportunity to shock people."

A lot has been written about single-season turnarounds for specific teams — like the 2005-06 Carolina Hurricanes, the 1969 Mets, the 2007-08 Boston Celtics or the 2012 Indianapolis Colts. But has a single city ever pulled itself so far from the mud into national prominence like Philadelphia has?

LeBron James is considering coming here. So is Mike Trout. Each team as a young head coach, young franchise cornerstones and a long road of success ahead. This kind of achievement is unprecedented.

So much has changed in Philly in one year, the New York Times says the city is dealing with an "identity crisis."

Asher Raphael, co-CEO of Power Home Remodeling in Chester PA, oversaw the placement of three billboards in Cleveland to tantalize James to join the 76ers.

"Hopefully the Super Bowl changed the stigma of playing here," the lifelong Philly fan said. "We are not an underdog city anymore. We are Super Bowl champions. It's an amazing town and an amazing community."

With the sudden success, a new self-image and a lot to cheer about, is the New York Times right? Are Philly fans changing their identity?

"The beauty of sport and the beauty of being a fan is to be able to ride the wave when you have the opportunity to do it," Philadelphia sports psychologist Joel Fish said. "We are pretty seasoned as fans to react when things aren't going our way."

And now they are. Lets see how far these teams can take a city that knows how to appreciate success.

Different year, different city

2017 Eagles: 7-9 (last in NFC East)
2018 Eagles: Super Bowl Champs

2016-17 Sixers: 28-54 (second worst record in East)
2017-18 Sixers: 34-23 (2.5 games out of third in East)

2016-17 Flyers: 88 points (missed playoffs)
2017-18 Flyers: 79 points (two out of first with 16 games remaining)

2017 Phillies: 66-96 (last in NL East)
2018 Phillies: Season starts on March 29

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NFL combine: Who

Mike Gesicki could be the perfect pass-catching tight end for Carson Wentz, and partner for Zach Ertz. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

This weekend saw the NFL combine, the biggest landmark before the draft, come and go. With only one pick through the first two days in their pocket, the Eagles are fortunate not to need a ton of help. Their openness to taking the best player available might be best evidenced by their interview of Louisville quarterback Lamar Jackson.

Still, there are spots (linebacker, tight end) they're thinner at than others, and we previewed them a week ago. Here are five of the players who excelled this weekend at positions where the Eagles are looking to restock.

Mike Gesicki, TE, Penn State

Gesicki managed to outshine even his superstar teammate Saquon Barkley's performance from a day earlier. He led tight ends in every measurable workout except the bench press, which he placed second in with 22 repetitions. His 41½-inch vertical was higher than any receiver or cornerback. And at 6-foot-5, 247 pounds, he ran a faster 40-yard dash (4.54 seconds) than Deandre Hopkins turned in (4.57.)

The outstanding performance doesn't do much to wipe away the biggest concern with Gesicki: his ability as a blocker. But it does reinforce the impression that he is a dynamic mismatch as a receiver for linebackers, safeties, and nickel corners. His tests at least indicate it isn't any lack of strength or athleticism holding Gesicki back, which means some coach is sure to believe they can instill the proper technique and get a young star in return.

Gesicki's name is just one in the conversation for best tight end in the draft, but he stood alone at the combine. His performance might push him up toward the realm of the Eagles 32nd overall selection, or he could become a target if the Birds trade back into the second day.

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Leighton Vander Esch, LB, Boise State

We wrote about Vander Esch as a player to watch entering the combine, and if you followed through, he didn't disappoint. He ranked second among linebackers in vertical jump (39.5 inches,) the 20-yard and 60-yard shuttles, and fifth in the broad jump and three-cone drill. He rounded all that off with a 4.65 second 40 and 20 repetitions on the bench press.

How he'd stack up athletically was the question for Vander Esch after a season of outstanding production that made him the Mountain West defensive player of the year. He was at his best in big games as well: he was the MVP of his conference championship game and starred against Oregon in the Las Vegas Bowl, so questions about the talent he faced aren't so daunting. At the end of the day, how he stacked up athletically was very well,

made biggest impression on Eagles?

and his resume is filled out nicely.

The Eagles are reported to rate Vander Esch quite highly, which is a rarity among this team and linebackers. His combine performance might just continue his rise above the Eagles, and he's now being mentioned as high as a possibility for the Packers at 14. That would seem to put him squarely out of reach, but if he's a prospect still around in the final third of the first round, he could be a target the Eagles would move up for.

Kolton Miller, T, UCLA

The man in charge of protecting Josh Rosen's blindside showed athleticism to match his 6-foot-9, 310 pound frame at the combine. He was third among all offensive linemen with a 4.95 second 40-yard dash, and second among tackles in the vertical leap, three cone drill, and 20-yard shuttle. His broad jump mark of 10 feet and 1 inch beat every other offensive lineman by over half a foot.

An offensive tackle class that lacks true standouts at the top of the first round leaves a lot of room for rising and falling on the draft board and after his combine performance Miller is definitely among the former group. Given his height he had to display the footwork and agility to handle rushers that should expect to gain leverage on the taller tackle. That's exactly what he went out and did. You'd like to see a higher bench press number than 20, however.

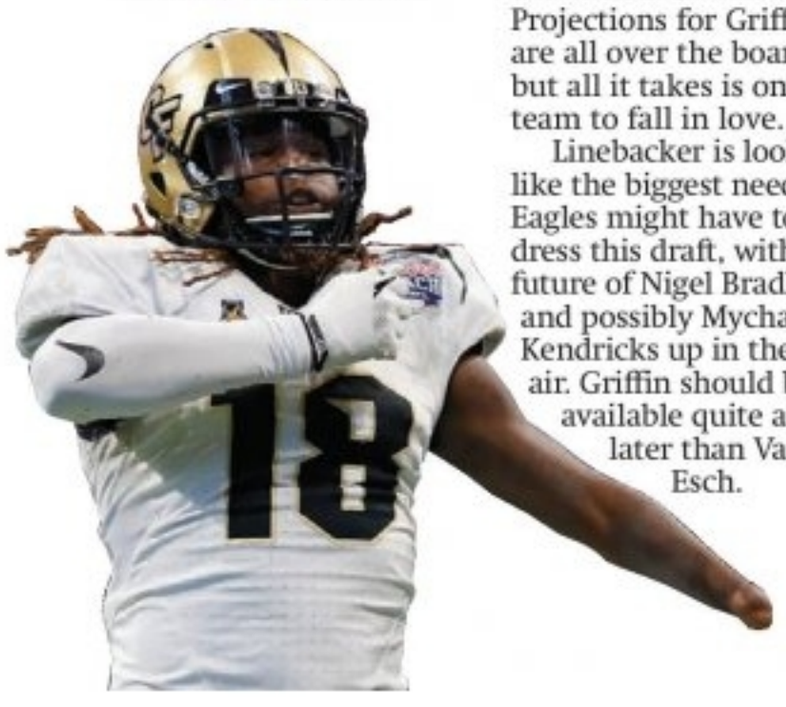
The Eagles can be counted on to emphasize the offensive and defensive lines, even if Jason Peters is ready to go for 2018. More than once they've spent a first round pick on a player who you can't pencil in as an immediate starter, and it's often been along the lines: Derek Barnett, Shawn Andrews, and Brandon Graham are among the more successful examples. Marcus Smith II is among the less successful ones.

Shaquem Griffin, LB, Central Florida

Griffin shocked everyone during the linebacker drills, running a 4.38 40 that matched his twin brother's time from 2017. It was the fastest time posted by a linebacker since the 2003 combine. He benched 20 reps with the use of a prosthetic, ranking 11th among linebackers in that and the broad jump.

The one-handed UCF linebacker is one of the more familiar stories of the college football season. The reigning AAC Defensive Player of the Year returned to lead the Golden Knights to an undefeated season and bowl victory over Auburn. He excelled as a pass rusher, but at 6-foot-1, 227 pounds, the NFL is going to ask him to stand up and cover the middle of the field. Projections for Griffin are all over the board, but all it takes is one team to fall in love.

Linebacker is looking like the biggest need the Eagles might have to address this draft, with the future of Nigel Bradham and possibly Mychal Kendricks up in the air. Griffin should be available quite a bit later than Vander Esch.



Taven Bryan, DT, Florida

When a 6-foot-4, 291 pound defensive tackle runs a 4.98 40, jumps 35 inches into the air, and leads his position in the broad jump, three-cone drill, and shuttle, people tend to sit up and take notice.

Bryan served notice to the league Sunday, displaying a ton of athleticism for an interior lineman while benching 30 reps as well.

Bryan is a rising prospect, and his combine may have pushed him into the first round, but his draft stock has always been built around his talent and athleticism, with limited production (just five-and-a-half sacks in his three years at Florida) providing the question marks. The combine can't answer for that, but freed from the problems of the Gators, Bryan's future seems set.

Remember everything we just said about the Eagles emphasizing the lines? Expect that to continue, especially if Beau Allen and potentially even Vinny Curry part ways with the club. The feared rotation will be missing a depth defensive tackle if Allen can't be resigned, and Bryan would fill that role nicely.

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Championship Week preview

Metro previews what will be a very busy week for local college basketball teams.

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Temple and La Salle will need miracle conference tournament runs to play next week in The Big Dance. GETTY IMAGES

For everybody in the city — except, of course, No. 2 ranked Villanova — the Conference Tournaments are a last chance to save the season. While it's likely most of them will be unsuccessful, they've got nothing to lose at this point trying.

Here's how their respective chances stack up.

Temple

16-16 (8-10, seventh in American)

It's come down to this for Fran Dunphy's 16-14 Temple Owls: win the American Athletic Conference Tournament this weekend in Orlando or stay home.

A season which started off with such promise, with wins over nationally ranked Clemson, Auburn and Wisconsin and later included an upset of Wichita State, has simply gone off the rails. Temple enters the AAC tournament having lost four of its last five games.

Obi Enechionyia, Quinton Rose, Josh Brown and company take on Tulane in their tournament opener, whom they beat on the road while the Green Wave won at the Liacouras Center. A win there would set up a rematch with Wichita Friday.

But Temple has simply been too inconsistent all season and doesn't shoot or defend enough to expect the Owls to go on a tournament run. Chances are they'll be left hoping for an NIT bid instead.

St. Joseph's

15-15 (10-8, fourth in A-10)

While the town's been going gaga over the Eagles and also pumping up Villanova the Saint Joseph's Hawks have quietly been resurrected. By virtue of a winning their last three and six of their seven last Phil Martelli's team goes into the Atlantic 10 tournament on a roll.

That earned them fourth seed and a double bye in the 14-team A10 field, meaning they'll open against either city rival LaSalle, UMass or George Mason on Friday. While the 15-15 Hawks are still longshots to survive the weekend, consider they just blew the doors off first place Rhode Island, 78-48 in Kingston.

Shevar Newkirk has been on fire lately, with James Demery right behind, as the Hawks have overcome a five game losing streak that left them 9-14. Everything has to break right for the Hawks to make it through the weekend, which isn't impossible. But not very likely, either.

La Salle

13-18 (7-11, 12th in A-10)

It's been a down season at 20th and Olney for John Giannini's 13-18 Explorers, who at least come in having won three of their last five. But for the most part the Explorers have struggled with their shooting (.431) while the opposition has hit at a .453 clip, including 38 percent from 3-point range.

B.J. Johnson (20.9), who recently went over the 1000 point mark for his career and Pookie Powell (16.9) gives them a great 1-2 punch. But to expect the Explorers to beat UMass in their Wednesday play-in game, then knock off No. 5 seed George Mason Thursday just to earn a date with fellow Big Five rival Saint Joseph's is probably asking too much.

Penn

22-8 (12-2, first in Ivy League)

The task is clear for Steve Donahue's Penn Quakers as the second Ivy League Tournament gets underway at the Palestra this weekend. However, getting it done may not be.

After knocking off Harvard at the Palestra to move into first place Feb. 24 the 22-8 Quakers needed only to win at Yale and Brown to secure top seed. They couldn't do it, falling to the Bulldogs in the final .3 second. As a reward they draw Yale again in the first round while Harvard faces Cornell.

Presumably, though, both should advance setting up a climactic championship game between the Ivies' 12-2 co-champs. Penn has the better inside game with A.J. Brodeur and Max Rothschild. The Quakers also get outside firepower from Darnell Foreman., Ryan Betley and Caleb Wood. Harvard has a variety of options as well, led by forwards Seth Towns and Chris Lewis, along with sharpshooting Corey Johnson and point guard Christian Juzang.

However, only one will make to the NCAA's which should make this a memorable weekend at one of college basketball's shrines.

No. 2 Villanova

27-4 (14-4, second in Big East)

Once again 27-4 Villanova goes into the Big East Tournament at the Garden this weekend as the team to beat, even though the Wildcats are "only" the No. 2 seed behind Xavier, whom they beat by a combined 40 points in their two meetings. The trick, then, might be making it to the Final, which will mean taking care of business against the Marquette-DePaul winner, followed by the Butler-Creighton winner.

Since the latter two both managed to upset the Wildcats at home, Villanova will certainly not be looking ahead. Of greater concern to Jay Wright, who'll become the school's all-time winningest coach with his next win, is making sure his team moves the ball around enough to get good shots while playing the kind of disruptive defense that's their trademark.

No matter what happens this weekend, though, the Cats figure to be at worst a No. 2 seed, likely opening up Tournament play in Pittsburgh, then head to Boston should they make it to the Sweet Sixteen — which has traditionally been their stumbling block.

So just how far can Nova go? This week on Broadway should give us a pretty good clue.

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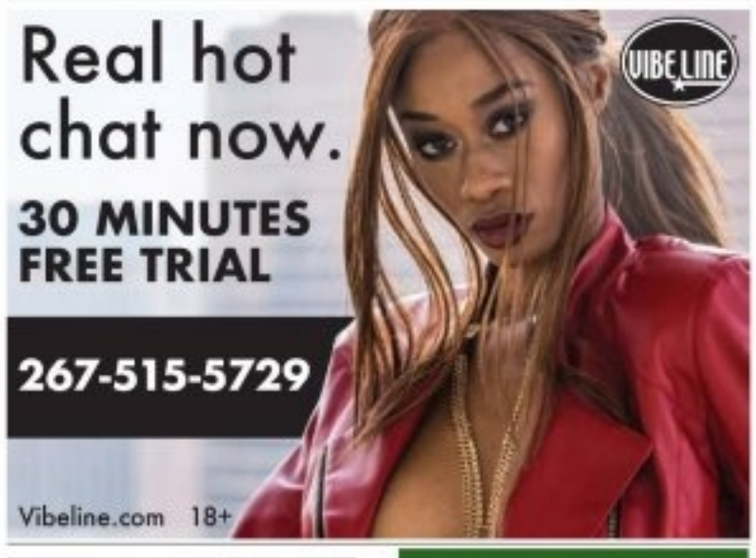

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5 Tavern brews
9 Is on the team
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16 Variety show
17 Flake off, as paint
18 Neutral color
19 Work by Rousseau
20 Marsh birds
22 Cloth-bound book
24 Encroachments
26 Well, in Grenoble
27 Charleston's st.
28 Discussing casually
32 Gone to bed
35 Besides
36 Decent grade
37 Dull sound
38 Wire measure
39 Military post
40 Actor -- Kilmer
41 Warbled
43 Kampala's land
45 Window-washing aid
47 None at all
48 Hoax
49 Rifle through
53 Battery part
57 Stone marker
58 Strong silent type?
59 "Candy is dandy" poet
61 Caller's code
62 Flashlight carrier
63 Part of a list
64 Edict
65 Puts on exhibit
66 Stoic philosopher
67 Marshes

DOWN
1 Blue Grotto isle
2 Body of water
3 His and hers
4 Got dingy
5 Mr. Vigoda
6 Lomond and Ness
7 Mr. Cornell
8 Piece of tart candy
9 Come before
10 Tart
11 Tel --
12 Winter festival
13 Tarot reader
21 Squirrel away
23 Tumults
25 Drop bait on water
28 Light brown
29 Holy image
30 Inelegant one
31 -- -- grip!
32 Off-road getabouts
33 Hoops nickname
34 Corker
38 Memory trigger
39 Shakespeare's fat jovial knight
41 Zones
42 Thickening agent
43 Acapulco article
44 Processes cotton
46 Forgo
49 Put back to zero
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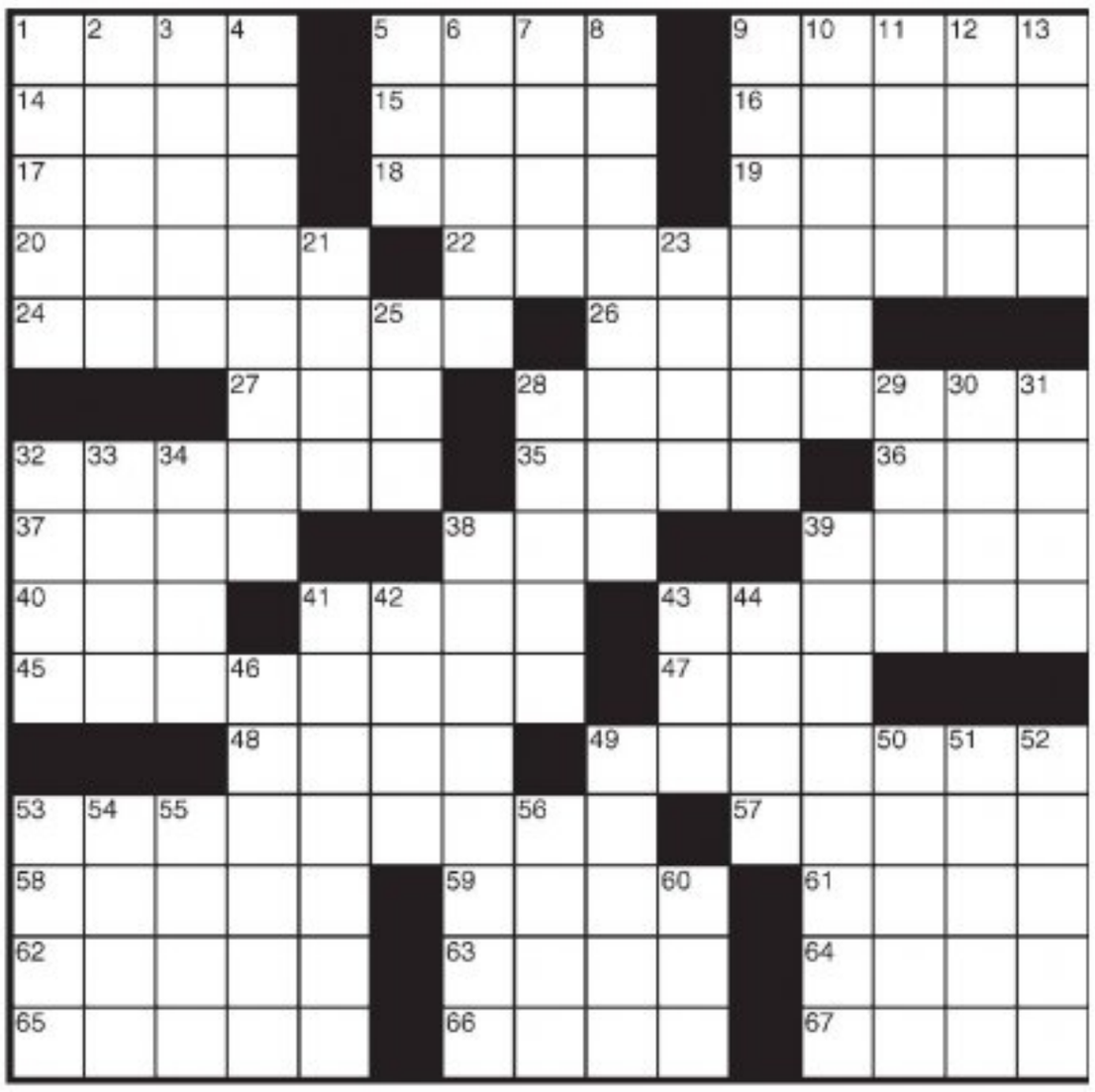

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Aries Physical activity will help ease stress and give you time to rethink your position on bothersome matters regarding your personal finances or job. Don't speak out in haste.

Taurus Share your feelings with someone you care about. Making plans that will lead to a better understanding of your intentions will benefit you and put your mind at ease.

Gemini Stick to the script and be honest about your concerns. Transparency will make a difference to a situation that concerns you. Play fair, remain calm and avoid chaos.

Cancer Put more creative energy into whatever job you are given. The success you have will lead to new opportunities. Express your ideas to get positive feedback.

Leo Keep an open mind, but don't let someone entice you into indulging in something that's not good for you. Use your intelligence and focus on fitness, diet and good health.

Virgo Make changes to the way you live or alter your surroundings to encourage working on improving your skills and knowledge. The outcome will boost your earning capability.

Libra Learn from experience and avoid making the same mistake twice. Avert domestic problems by keeping your suggestions positive. An upbeat attitude will pay off.

Scorpio Put your best foot forward when it comes to self-improvement. Don't let criticism hold you back or stop you from fulfilling your dreams. Be true to yourself and your beliefs.

Sagittarius Put your energy into following a creative pursuit or something that will help you improve your living arrangements. Question anyone you feel is withholding information.

Capricorn A chance to do something different or to expand your skills at work looks promising. You'll get the response you've been waiting for from someone you admire.

Aquarius Someone being emotionally manipulative will throw you off guard. Back away from anyone displaying coercive or erratic behavior in an attempt to take advantage of you.

Pisces Know what you want and be willing to fight for it. Don't give in to criticism or anger. Make decisions based on your needs. Put the past behind you. **EUGENIA LAST**

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